



# **Birthdays**

Tim Rowlett 6/02

Allen Swader 6/02

Clay Malone 6/07

Jonathan Gaither 6/11

Dustin Liddell 6/13

James O'Brien 6/13

Jerry McGregor 6/16

Jim White 6/16

John Avaritt 6/19

Randy Shaw 6/19

Jeff Irvin 6/20

Raleigh Marlin 6/23

Joe Pennington 6/24

Mark Brewer 6/27

Troy Gannon 6/28

Mike Meeks 6/28

# PITT GRADUATES FROM 30 HOUR SMOKE DIVERS COURSE AT TFACA



Murfreesboro Firefighter Julia Pitt recently graduated from the 30-hour Smoke Divers Course at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy in Deason, Tennessee.

Smoke Divers is designed to develop maximum firefighter capabilities while working in protective breathing apparatus. The full potential of the firefighter and associated equipment is achieved in physically and mentally stressful situations. The course is mastered through performance-based objectives that each firefighter must complete. The course is designed for experienced firefighting personnel and requires a high degree of physical fitness and the ability to cope with physically and mentally demanding situations.

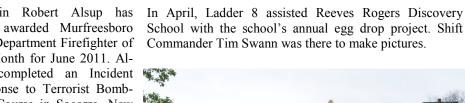
# FIREFIGHTER OF THE **MONTH JUNE 2011**



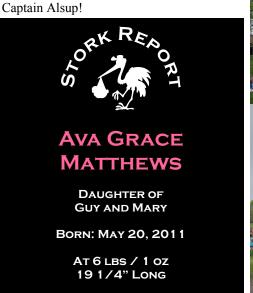
Captain Robert Alsup has been awarded Murfreesboro Fire Department Firefighter of the Month for June 2011. Alsup completed an Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings Course in Socorro, New Mexico. He is now teaching the class within the depart-

ment. Alsup has been with the department since September 1984. Congratulations

# MFD Assists School with **EGG DROP**



School with the school's annual egg drop project. Shift Commander Tim Swann was there to make pictures.







# Protecting Yourself from Heat Stress

Heat stress, from exertion or hot environments, places workers at risk for illnesses such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, or heat cramps.

### Heat Stroke

A condition that occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature, and can cause death or permanent disability.

#### Symptoms

- High body temperature
- Confusion
- Loss of coordination
- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
- Throbbing headache
- Seizures, coma

#### First Aid

- Request immediate medical assistance.
- Move the worker to a cool, shaded area.
- Remove excess clothing and apply cool water to their body.

#### Heat Exhaustion

The body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt, usually through sweating.

#### Symptoms

- Rapid heart beat
- Heavy sweating
- Extreme weakness or fatigue
- Dizziness
- Nausea, vomiting
- Irritability
- Fast, shallow breathing
- Slightly elevated body temperature

### First Aid

- Rest in a cool area.
- Drink plenty of water or other cool beverages.
- Take a cool shower, bath, or sponge bath.

## **Heat Cramps**

Affect workers who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. Sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture levels.

#### Symptoms

 Muscle cramps, pain, or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs

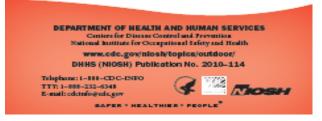
#### First Aid

- · Stop all activity, and sit in a cool place.
- Drink clear juice or a sports beverage, or drink water with food.
  - Avoid salt tablets.
- Do not return to strenuous work for a few hours after the cramps subside.
- Seek medical attention if you have the following: heart problems, are on a low-sodium diet, or if the cramps do not subside within one hour.

### **Protect Yourself**

Avoid heavy exertion, extreme heat, sun exposure, and high humidity when possible. When these cannot be avoided, take the following preventative steps:

- Monitor your physical condition and that of your coworkers for signs or symptoms of heat illnesses.
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, breathable clothing such as cotton.
  - Avoid non-breathable synthetic clothing.
- Gradually build up to heavy work.
- Schedule heavy work during the coolest parts of day.
- Take more breaks when doing heavier work, and in high heat and humidity.
  - Take breaks in the shade or a cool area.
- Drink water frequently. Drink enough water that you never become thirsty.
- Be aware that protective dothing or personal protective equipment may increase the risk of heat-related illnesses.





# June Anniversaries

# 26 YEARS

Sam Benford Keith Bratcher

# 21 YEARS

Jeff Bratcher Keith Elrod Troy Gannon Guy Matthews Steve Melton Ronnie Nobles Ted Pertiller Allen Swader Tim Swann Eugene Todd

## 17 YEARS

Bobby Canterbury Gary Hutchinson Nora Smith

## 12 YEARS

Israel Marcella Greg Robinson

## 10 YEARS

Brian Lowe Mike Meeks

## 8 YEARS

David Bricker
Davey Ferrell
Kenny McFarland
Ray Robinson
Jim White
Mitchell Whittenburg
Kyle Winnett

## 7 YEARS

Mark Brewer Karl Daigle Joel Patnode

# **HAZMAT TRAINING PICTURES**

